

politics and public life, men uniformly patronize those who, on principle, stand aloof from the intoxicating bowl? Why is it, that to be a consistent member of the total abstinence society is deemed a high recommendation for any situation or office, except (and we are sorry to make the exception) those dependent upon general suffrage? It is because men lack confidence in the rum-drinker. And with good reason they distrust him. He himself is aware of this, and until he is lost to all self-respect, he is ashamed of his practice; and usually seeks to gratify himself in a sly or private manner.

But we have said that the benefits are also reflective, radiant, diffusive. And this is an inexhaustible theme. The principle of imitation, of curiosity, and of the desire of regard, is deeply and early incorporated into the human mind. Based upon these principles every person is continually exercising an influence, more or less important and extensive, over his fellows for good or ill. Some, it is true, act in a larger sphere; some leave a stronger and more decided impress of their own minds and characters upon those around them; but in every case it is decided, and sometimes tremendous.

There is another principle of mind that adds a hundredfold to the importance of each individual act. It is, that impressions once made upon the mind are indelible—never eradicated. This is sufficiently confirmed by proofs and arguments drawn from reason, revelation and experience. In view of this truth, how momentous may be the consequences of even our most trivial word or act—reaching on through all time, and expanding with each succeeding generation. We may well anticipate that eternity shall produce its thousands of witnesses to confront and condemn us; if our influence has been ill, or to testify to our praise, if it has been good.

Is it then, unimportant whether we do this, or that, or leave both undone? Can it be unimportant whether we adopt one course or another, or act so unintelligibly as to leave it doubtful if we are the friends of virtue, or the opponents for vice and crime? No! it is not unimportant. That child of tender years, or plastic mind, and inquisitive disposition, watches our course, and notices our words and decisions, when we suppose our actions wholly unobserved; and though for years there may be no apparent evidence of the fact, yet the time will come when the influence of that word, or act, which seemingly had passed into utter oblivion, will spring forth from some of the hidden chambers of memory's storehouse, arouse the soul to action, and determine perchance the most stupendous consequences.

But our influence is not confined to the young; it is felt all around in every direction; like the ripple occasioned by the stone cast into the river, widening and rolling onward, still widening, till arrested by the distant shore. The lighter and the more stately craft are equally unharmed by it while firmly anchored; but, if loosened from their moorings, both would, in time, though one, it may be, sooner than the other, be driven into the current and exposed to all the consequent dangers.

Father! Mother! What wouldst thou wish thy child to become? Young lady! what wouldst thou desire that brother or lover to be? Wouldst thou save him from a drunkard's character, a drunkard's life, a drunkard's fearful end? Christian! neighbor! wouldst thou clear thyself of the blood of thy fellow, before the eternal Judge, in that dread day when thy heart and life shall be exposed to the gaze of a congregated world? Then to each let us say, Let thy example as well as thy precept be what thou wouldst have him to be. Be wary of trifling with principles! Be wary of tempting the enemy of God and man to tempt thee; and let it be such as the light of eternity shall illuminate to thy honor and comfort.

The time has been when the interests of this subject were not adequately understood and appreciated; but light has at length dawned upon our world, and those who stand aloof from this Heaven-born enterprise, or who affect to oppose it, or to remain uncommitted, give abundant reason to infer that they "love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." It will be admitted, we think, that men cannot now, as formerly, remain indifferent to the great moral questions of the day, and be either safe or innocent.

We hope, then, that none, male or female, old or young, who have not already given in their adhesion, will feel willing to rest without pledging heart and hand, and resolving to employ their abilities and influence to the advancement of this cause.

After Dinner.

LOVE MATCHES.

"My dear father," said Rosalia, "I would that I could reason on this subject, but—indeed I cannot."
"Strange! You hint not even an objection, and yet—Do you think I overrate him?"
"No; he deserves all you say of him, but yet—"
"You would still reject him?"
Rosalia was silent.
"If you esteem, you may certainly love; nay, it will follow, of course."
"Did you always think so, sir?"
"Perhaps not. When I was young, I was no doubt fanciful, like others."
"And yet you did not marry till past thirty."
"Well, child, I—"
"My mother died when I was too young to know her; but I have heard her charac-

ter so often from yourself and others, that I have it now as fresh before me as if she had never been taken from us. Was she not mild and gentle?"
"As the dew of heaven."
"And her mind?"
"The seat of every grace and virtue."
"And her person too was beautiful?"
"Except yourself, I have never seen a creature so lovely."
"And did she make you a good wife?"
Laud turned pale. "Rosalia—my child—why remind me, by these cruel questions, of a loss which the whole world cannot repair?"
"She was then all you wished; and yet I have heard that yours was a love match."
"No more," cried Laud, averting his face. "You have conquered."—*Monaldi.*

May not a hermit call his cave a mansion?
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Why is the inside of a thing unintelligible? Because we can't make it out.

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BOWMAN.—In Montclair, Jan. 16, suddenly, George Bowman, aged 41 years.
GARR.—In Bloomfield, Jan. 11, Robert Garr, aged 46 years.
HOFFMAN.—In Bloomfield, Jan. 16, Elizabeth Hoffman, aged 80 years.
JARRET.—In Bloomfield, Jan. 30, George Jarret, aged 19 years.
OLIVER.—In Montclair, Jan. 14, Elizabeth Oliver, aged 33 years 9 months.
SEYMOUR.—In New York, Jan. 17, Isaac N. Seymour, Esq., in the 79th year of his age. A sincere, humble, zealous Christian. "The memory of the just is blessed."—*Ed. Gazette.*

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